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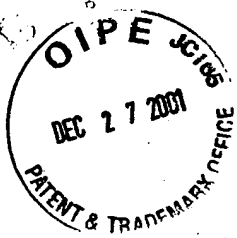
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

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AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 22, beginning at line 19, with the following paragraph.

In some embodiments, the immunomodulatory polynucleotide comprises the sequence 5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1). In other embodiments, the ISS comprises any of the sequences:

5'-TGACCGTGAACGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:2);

5'-TCATCTCGAACGTTCCACAGTCA-3' (SEQ ID NO:3);

5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTCCAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:4)

5'-TCCATAACGTTTCGCCTAACGTTTCGTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

5'-TGACTGTGAANGTTCCAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:6), where N is 5-bromocytosine;

5'-TGACTGTGAANGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:7), where N is 5-bromocytosine;

5'-TGACTGTGAANGTTNGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:8), where N is 5-bromocytosine and

5'-TCGAGCGTTCT-3' (SEQ ID NO:21);

5'-ATCGACTCTCGAGCGTTCTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:22) and

5'-TCGTCGTTTTGTCGTTTTGTCGTT-3' (SEQ ID NO:23).

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